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GROUP 2863
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: **METHOD FOR CONTROLLING EXPOSURE AND SCAN-EXPOSURE APPARATUS**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

This Response, submitted in reply to the Office Action dated April 28, 2004, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicant would note that the Examiner's Statement on Reasons for Allowance represents a paraphrase of the subject matter recited in the claims. Applicant would note that not all the claims deemed allowable include the explicit requirements set forth in the Statement for Allowance.